

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	CASE NO. 8:08CR105
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
vs.)	TENTATIVE FINDINGS
)	
JOSEPH M. HOFER,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

The Court has received the Presentence Investigation Report ("PSR") and the Defendant's objections thereto (Addendum). The government adopted the PSR (Filing No. 278.) See Order on Sentencing Schedule, ¶ 6. The Court advises the parties that these Tentative Findings are issued with the understanding that, pursuant to *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), the sentencing guidelines are advisory.

The Defendant's objections, which appear in the Addendum and were not filed, are denied because the objections are more appropriately considered as a motion for downward departure, which was filed (Filing No. 296). The motion will be heard at sentencing.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Defendant's Objections to the Presentence Investigation Report (Addendum) are denied;
2. Otherwise the Court's tentative findings are that the Presentence Investigation Report is correct in all respects;
3. If **any** party wishes to challenge these tentative findings, the party shall immediately file in the court file and serve upon opposing counsel and the Court a motion challenging these tentative findings, supported by (a) such evidentiary materials as are

required (giving due regard to the requirements of the local rules of practice respecting the submission of evidentiary materials), (b) a brief as to the law, and (c) if an evidentiary hearing is requested, a statement describing why an evidentiary hearing is necessary and an estimated length of time for the hearing;

4. Absent submission of the information required by paragraph 3 of this Order, my tentative findings may become final;

5. Unless otherwise ordered, any motion challenging these tentative findings shall be resolved at sentencing; and

6. The Defendant's motion for downward departure (Filing No. 296) will be heard at sentencing.

DATED this 22nd day of December, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

s/Laurie Smith Camp
United States District Judge